

**Congratulations, you are moments away from being part of our Life Skills Classes. Places are limited and accepted on a first paid, first start basis.**

How to find us - We are based at Newbarn Farm (NN9 6HY) which is a small industrial estate off Brick Kiln Road in Raunds. As you go down Brick Kiln Road from the roundabout, the entrance is on your left-hand side and has a remote-controlled gate. If this is closed please ring my mobile 3 times (07749 285330) and I will open it for you. Follow the road to the very top until you see Coggins Garage, turn right and drive along past the industrial units. On the left you will see a field, we are in there. You are welcome to park in the field but please do not block anyone in as members come and go all the time. If it is wet, we advise parking on the hard standing (where you won't cause an obstruction). Come and say "Hi" we're a friendly bunch 😊



We use kind, reward-based training methods at BUDS and will not tolerate harsh handling or raised voices. Our aim is to help you to achieve specific goals by rewarding what is right and ignoring what is wrong. Puppies/dogs soon learn that good things happen when they make the right choices.

Currently classes run on Mondays between 6.15pm – 7.15pm. They run for 4 consecutive weeks (where possible), please ensure that you can attend all 4 sessions. All information is included for the price with homework that will need to be practised in your own time. Please remember, you will only get out of your dog what you put in.

**The full course costs £45.00 and is payable prior to the start via online payment to:**

**Account Name: Bordertrix Ultimate Dogs School**

**Sort Code: 20-05-73**

**Account Number: 63939154.**

**Please use the first 3 letters of your dog's name and your surname so I can ensure I can match the online payments.**

**Places are not guaranteed until payment is received.**

**WE ALSO OFFER our Puppy Life Skills Facebook Page which contains videos, photos and information to help you with your training. Feel free to post and share your successes. This is a closed Group Page which can only be accessed by BUDS's members and anyone who has accessed puppy life skills classes.**

Below we have included the information you need to ensure you get the very most out of your time with us.

- Treats and toys – we use both at BUDS because by reinforcing positive association with training means your dog will want to work with you. I use cooked sausages, ham or any cold, cooked meat. Cheese is also good but can upset sensitive tummies, or simply save some meat from your Sunday roast. The tastier the treat the more your dog will want to train. Treating is phased out over time, if trained correctly your dog will happily do behaviours without reward when older.
- We use toys to teach “Stop” and “Leave” commands, tugging toys are the best for this as owners are directly interacting with their dog and have control. A squeaky toy will help to keep engagement during play if you need a little more.
- A secure fitting collar is essential, you should only be able to fit 2 fingers between a collar and the dog’s neck. Any more than this could result in your dog slipping his collar - you really do not want that to happen.
- I prefer using a harness for training life skills as pulling on collars is not comfortable for your dog and risks damaging their throat and neck area. A good fitting harness should not restrict your dog’s movement in any way. Pets At Home do allow you to try harnesses on before buying but they are not the cheapest place to purchase from.
- Leads should be comfortable for the handler to hold and grip at any place. Please do not bring flexi-leads as they limit your handling ability.
- Your dog should legally have an identification disk on its collar, this is a legal requirement and a microchip does not replace the need for it. This should legally contain your name and your address but I recommend also your home and/or mobile telephone number, Vet’s telephone number and ‘I’m chipped’. NEVER, EVER put your dog’s name on an ID disk.
- Please bring poo bags, you will be expected to clear up any faeces and disinfect any equipment that has been weed on. To avoid this as much as possible you are welcome to walk your dog around the perimeter of the field, so they arrive ready and not needing to toilet, however, please ensure you are ready to start your Class on time.



- We do supply water for the dogs, however, when it is really hot, we recommend ensuring you have some available. There is an outside tap nearby.
- Make sure you are wearing suitable footwear - for a field. Trainers are probably the best unless it has been raining. Wellies and boots cover most eventualities but ensure you will be able to move around freely with your dog.

Because we all need a starting point it would be helpful if you could try and ensure your puppy/dog has the following basic skills:

- Able to sit on command
- Able to walk on a lead, not necessarily to heel, just in a fairly straight line.
- Able to wait in one position, handler at least 2 steps away and return
- Able to take treats kindly

As we need puppies and young dogs to have consistency, one handler will train the puppy for the entire course. Vaccination certificates will need to be produced at the first lesson.

\*In brief:

- ✓ Pay £45.00 for the Course fee (**Account Name: Bordertrix Ultimate Dog School, Sort Code: 20-05-73, Account Number: 63939154**)
- ✓ Write dates for classes on your calendar
- ✓ Ensure you get some tasty treats (sausage is best)!
- ✓ 2 tuggy toys, 1 squeaky
- ✓ A grooming brush
- ✓ Collar with identification disk
- ✓ Harness
- ✓ Lead
- ✓ Poo bags
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Trainers/wellies
- ✓ Any required information; homework, vaccination card, etc.



\*This is just an advisory list and does not mean owners will not be able to take part if all points are not covered.